

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2702 - SB 3230

March 8, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Regarding provisions of informed consent of a pregnant woman as it relates to abortion, the bill deletes the subsection that does not require detailed information being explained, informed consent of woman be given in writing and a two-day waiting period before an abortion can be performed where an abortion is certified by a physician as necessary to preserve the life of the pregnant woman. The bill substitutes provisions that these requirements shall not apply when, in the best medical judgment of the physician, a medical emergency exists that so complicates the pregnancy as to require an immediate abortion. Violation of this section would be punished as a Class E felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,500/Incarceration*

Assumes one Class E felony conviction each year.

For information purposes, TCA, Section 39-15-202 has been enjoined from enforcement with the issue pending before the Tennessee Supreme Court. To the extent that the bill makes this section enforceable, the estimate assumes a potential increase in Class E felony convictions.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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